enactment of a separate law to deal with the left wing extremist problem.

(ii) A comprehensive Plan of Action encompassing developmental activities as well as stepped up security measures will have to be prepared by the States. Andhra Pradesh Government have already prepared such a plan which has been referred to the Planning Commission. Other State Governments should also prepare similar plans which will be taken up with the Planning Commission for allocation of funds.

(iii) A Coordination Centre will be set up at Hyderabad for reviewing the progress of the Action Plan and to coordinate the efforts of the State Governments. Union Home Secretary will be the Chairman of the Committee with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the four States as Members.

Ministry of Home Affairs has set up the Coordination Centre on 26.6.1998. State Governments have been requested to take immediate action on the decisions taken at the meeting. Action taken by the State Governments is being reviewed from time to time.

Dual Citizenship to Indians settled abroad

4631. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding grant of dual citizenship to people of Indian origin settled abroad;

(b) if so, the details of decision taken;

(c) if no decision has been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Union Finance Minister while presenting the Central Governments budget for 1998-99 on 1st June, 1998 had, interalia, declared that Government have decided to draw up a scheme for issuance of a Persons of Indian origin (PIO) Card for those living abroad and having foreign passports.

The PIO card, which would be extended to persons settled in countries to be specified by Government, would besides introducing a visa free regime also confer some special economic, educational, financial and cultural benefits.The details of the scheme are being worked out.

कच्छ विकास बोर्ड का गठन

4632. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या प्रधानमंत्री ने अपनी हाल ही अहमदाबाद यात्रा के दौरान काफी समय से लम्बित "कच्छ विकास बोर्ड" के गठन के संदर्भ में एक अधिकारिक घोषणा की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने प्रस्तावित कच्छ विकास बोर्ड के गठन की सभी प्रक्रिया संबंधी औपचारिकताओं को पूरा कर लिया है;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने भी उक्त विकास बोर्ड के गठन के लिए व्यापक प्रस्ताव सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त बोर्ड कब तक गठित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) 3 मई, 1998 को अहमदाबाद में आयोजित एक जन सभा में प्रधान मंत्री ने कच्छ क्षेत्र के त्वरित विकास के लिए एक कच्छ विकास बोर्ड के गठन की आवश्यकता के बारे में बोला था।

(ख) से (घ) महाराष्ट्र में विकास बोर्डों के आधार पर कच्छ के लिए एक विकास बोर्ड गठित करने संबंधी एक प्रस्ताव गुजरात राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त हुआ है। मामले पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार किया जा रहा है।